



The Surf Pines Breeze

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Mary Jane Currier has resigned from the board; they are being transferred this fall and she has a lot of family responsibilities. She has been replaced by **Sally Allegaert**. Mary Jane and John have contributed a lot to Surf Pines. We will miss Mary Jane on the board and all the Curriers when they move!

The board will continue to meet the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Keevers' residence. February's meeting is scheduled for the 16th. If you wish to attend, please check with someone on the board to be sure there are no changes.

SURVEY RESULTS

Last year members were asked their opinions on two important subjects: the projected park on Ocean Drive just south of Horizon, and Richard Schroeder's use of Surf Pines roads to access his Del Rey development. Herewith we report on the responses to these surveys and on recent developments.

The Park; Report by John Orr

Forty-four people responded to the park survey; of them 25 favored the idea of a park. Of those 25, 20 expressed a preference for a children's playground; 17 asked for restrooms; 16 thought a barbecue pit or firepit a high priority. There was a smattering of support for other suggestions, such as picnic tables, a wading pool, volleyball court and a basketball court.

Those who opposed a park were concerned with possible higher taxes, homeowner liability, insurance costs and maintenance costs.

As the park committee liaison, I would suggest a "go easy, but go" approach. Phase 1: level the upper tier of the lot (which covers about three acres) and clear a rough path up to the area from Ocean Drive. The leveled area would be planted with grass and a few picnic tables would be placed there once the grass is established. The area could then be used for picnics, games and small gatherings. Phase 2: add more picnic tables if demand indicates; additional low-maintenance landscaping and perhaps a sand area that would support volleyball, badminton and/or horseshoes. Phase 3: a children's playground with swingsets, a slide and play area similar to that at Cannon Beach Municipal Park; perhaps a firepit for barbecues.

A map and design will be the next step. All those wishing to lend assistance or provide further input are encouraged to call Tim Regan, 738-0439, or John Orr, 738-0944.

The Schroeder Del Rey Development Survey

The unprecedented response to this survey is an indication of its importance to members. One hundred fifty-six responses (out of a possible 267) were received. Of these, 127 replied that they were opposed to incorporating the proposed development within Surf Pines as well as to the use of our roads. Twenty-nine members favored at least some accommodation with the developers and a number of those thought that Surf Pines could benefit financially and in other ways.

When Mr. Schroeder presented his project to the annual meeting, several members urged the board to seek legal advice, which we have done. Our lawyer has met with Mr. Schroeder and his attorney and negotiations are going forward. Agreement has been reached that the Del Rey development will remain separate from Surf Pines. There is no question of our roads being used for general traffic from the south. We are currently looking at ways to accommodate Mr. Schroeder with an emergency access, which state fire officials will probably require. In the event of a natural disaster or a serious fire, such an escape hatch would be of as much benefit to Surf Pines as to our southern neighbors.

The Del Rey development plan has been revised and now envisages 47 homesites. Mr. Schroeder intends to seek planning approval for the revised proposal at the March meeting of the Planning Commission.

The board is grateful to all those members who replied to the survey for their interest and thoughtful suggestions. We value your input and we will keep you informed of the outcome of negotiations.

SECURITY

Several security issues have come to the board's attention. These concern use of the gates, private home alarm systems and, of course, speeding.

Gates

Here is a heartfelt plea from Ken Buckingham about proper gate procedures:

The safety of Surf Pines residents, their families and property is very important to me. But the gates and myself are not foolproof. To be as secure as possible takes the help and cooperation of all the residents.

Just because someone is pushing numbers does not mean they have a right to enter, so PLEASE do not open the gate for a vehicle ahead of you, even if you are in a hurry and being delayed. Find out first who is having trouble opening the gate and why.

Never give your personal gate code to anyone; it is for the use of residents and their families only.

If a vehicle is parked outside the gate at the side of the road, it usually means the driver does not have a valid code or transmitter. Such a vehicle may try to follow another car in. To prevent that, after you have passed through the gate stop and let it come down behind you. Do the same thing when leaving; it will take only a few seconds and will be a major factor in improving security. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ken Buckingham,
Security, 738-0637

The general gate code for contractors was phased out by the end of December and now each person who regularly works in Surf Pines has a special number. If you have someone coming to do casual jobs, let Ken know in advance and get a number for that person's use.

Remember, too, **never** advertise or publish your gate number. If you are having a garage sale or large party, let Ken know and get a special number for use on that day only. If you post a notice with your private number, it is an open invitation to anyone interested to use it at any time.

House Alarms

The sheriff's department has recently reminded us of Clatsop County rules for home alarm systems. **MOST IMPORTANT:** every alarm user must maintain a valid permit. It costs \$25 per year. Use of an alarm system without a permit or three or more false alarms within a calendar year will subject the owner to a fine. No alarm may sound for longer than 15 minutes. There have been instances of alarms sounding for hours and seriously disturbing neighbors. This is a violation, also subject to a fine. Full particulars of the ordinance and permit forms are available from the sheriff's office in Astoria.

Speeding

Once again we remind all drivers in Surf Pines that our speed limit of 25 miles an hour is intended to safeguard lives and property, including your own. Please observe this sensible limit. If you see someone speeding, try to get the license number, note the time and day and some description of the car, and let Ken know.

ROAD ALERT FOR EVERYONE WHO AVOIDED FALLING INTO POTHOLE

We're sorry about the state of Manion Drive at the south end of Surf Pines! The board contracted with Palmberg Paving to repair the road from approximately Lakeside Drive to the south gate some time last fall. This repair was to include upgrading the speed bumps, particularly at Horizon and Manion. However, Palmberg Paving was unable to get the job done due to delays in their schedule and weather problems. They have promised us they will do the repair as soon as possible next spring. At the same time we plan to resurface Horizon, fill a pothole near 2363 Manion, try to upgrade a couple of places where water collects during heavy storms, and improve and paint all the speed bumps. In the meantime, Jon Palmberg promised us he would put reflectors by the bumps to help highlight them and Ken has had enough good weather to paint stripes on the worst ones. KUDOS to Ken for repairing the monster potholes on Manion! But the fill is already washing away with rain and traffic, so take care, all!

Due to the damage that occurs to our roads whenever a new house is constructed, the board has decided to levy a \$250 road impact fee on construction contractors for each new building.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, READ THE DIRECTIONS

We labored long and hard over a handbook that we hoped would answer most of your questions about Surf Pines, and this fall we made sure that every member of the Association got a copy. **Please read it.** There is a lot of information in the handbook about gates, security, burning regulations, county zoning regulations, and the like. You may be able to answer your question without calling a board member (who often will answer your question by looking it up in the handbook). If you lose your copy, there is a charge of \$5 to replace it. This charge will cover the cost of reprinting, notebooks and mailing. **REMINDER:** Please leave your handbook with your house if you sell the house. Thanks!

TREES, TREES, TREES

It is a rare property in Surf Pines that has not suffered the loss of trees from our recent storms. Considering the age of most of the pines and the force of wind gusts hitting them, we can only expect more losses as time goes on. The board knows that many residents are left with quantities of debris, damaged trees and dangerous hanging limbs to deal with. Ken and a crew of specialists have worked long hours to keep Surf Pines roads passable, to remove dangerous trees, and to help individuals clear blocked driveways.

If you need help with tree clearing on your property, here is a list of people who have done work in Surf Pines and might be available. Remember always to get firm estimates of what each part of the job will cost, as prices vary considerably. Be sure, too, that workers are licensed and bonded.

David Kurns, Seaside	738-0362
John Kurns, Tolovana	436-0344
(Available for emergency clearing)	
Douglas Brown, Seaside	738-8195
Jeff Anspach, Surf Pines	738-3649
(Has a chipper so there's no need to burn or haul brush away)	
Damen Mitchell, Surf Pines	738-0649
(Full-service arborist)	

For residents' information, the following roads are the responsibility of Surf Pines to clear of debris after storms: Surf Pines Road, Manion Drive, High Surf, Horizon, Lucas Drive, Ocean Drive, Malarkey Drive, the spur off Malarkey up to Glarum's, and the lake access that passes the Leinassars' drive.

Many residents have bemoaned the condition of the trees along Surf Pines Road. What was only a few years ago a handsome avenue is now in sad condition. The board has an action plan and soon the broken and damaged trees will be removed. Norma Keever is taking charge of the replanting effort. She needs volunteers to help with planting seedlings that will be supplied by the state Forestry Department nurseries. Planting should be done over a two-day period in March and Norma would like a minimum of 15 volunteers who could work about six hours each day. Of course, the more helpers there are the less time the job will take. Please let Norma know between February 1 and 15 (at the latest) that you'd like to help. Donations of trees will also be gratefully accepted.

INCIDENTAL NOTES

Property owners who do not live in Surf Pines or in the area may find difficulty in visiting their property if they do not have a gate code. You can get a number by paying the \$225 gate assessment. If you come only rarely and do not want to pay the assessment, try to let Ken know in advance of a visit, so he can arrange for you to get in.

If you are planning to build on your property, you should know that when the water to your home is connected, Surf Pines Association considers you a resident and full membership dues will be charged.

Residents are reminded that even with a burning permit you can inconvenience your neighbors by smoke from your fire. Please be thoughtful and burn only when smoke will not be a nuisance to others.

Be aware, too, that vacant land belongs to someone. Trees on others' property should not be trimmed or cut without the owner's permission. At least two recent incidents of unauthorized cutting have occurred. In one case the owner is very upset and would appreciate information about who is responsible. If you have reason to believe that unauthorized cutting is taking place, please call Ken to investigate.

At the annual meeting, one member called the board's attention to the plan to open parts of Trestle Bay to the ocean and urged us to inform ourselves about possible impact on our beaches. We can report that the project hopes by removing parts of the rock wall to stimulate recovery of fish stocks, particularly Chinook salmon. Work is to start in the fall and the effects will be monitored by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. If unforeseen problems occur, the rock can be replaced. We can only wait to see if our beaches are affected in any way.

In gratitude for our efforts in securing the left turn lane off Highway 101, Mr. Paul See sent the association a contribution of \$50 toward the cost. We, in turn, thank him for his generosity.

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

George and Phyllis von Weller are now living on Manion Drive and the Crawford family has bought a house on Lucas Drive. Welcome to both families.

PARTY TIME

Plans for a party early in December never materialized, but this time it's definite!

What: A potluck dinner with music

Where: Pacific Grange, Highway 101 just south of Sunset Beach Road

When: Saturday, February 25, 5 to 9 p.m.

Contact our new hospitality chair, Sally Allegaert, (738-7717) for other details or if you can help in any way. We hope to see as many Surf Piners there as can make it. For those who don't like to drive after dark, perhaps rides with neighbors can be arranged.

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